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Re: "Satellite Broadcasting System
Employing Channel Switching"
HNS Reference No: PD-N96055
Our Reference No: 28843/96055

Dear Doug:

Transmitted herewith is a draft of the above-identified patent application.

As I mentioned in my letter of March 14, 1997, and in my earlier telephone message to you, John Whelan has asked us to finalize this application and forward it to him for filing in the Patent Office no later than Monday, March 31, 1997. In order for us to meet that deadline, we need to receive your comments on the draft as soon as possible. Accordingly, please review the application carefully for accuracy and completeness and call me promptly to discuss any comments, questions, or suggested revisions you may have.

In reviewing the application, please pay particular attention to whether one of ordinary skill in the satellite broadcasting art would be able to make and use your invention based on the description provided in the application. Also, as you know, we must disclose what you presently consider to be the "best mode" of carrying out your invention. Therefore, if you

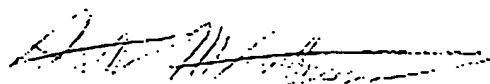
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believe any critical or preferred details have been omitted, please provide them to us so they may be incorporated in the application.

Lastly, when I met with you on March 6, 1997, you suggested that Ken Sahai might need to be named as a co-inventor on this application, depending upon what is claimed. I therefore also ask that you carefully review the claims at the end of the application to determine whether Ken Sahai, or anyone else in addition to you, played a part in the conception of the subject matter of any claim. If that is the case, or if you are unsure, please call me to discuss the matter. Any error in naming inventors, or in failing to name inventors, may render unenforceable any patent that issues from this application.

I look forward to receiving your comments on the application and appreciate your providing them to us promptly.

Sincerely,



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